

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2008
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman James O'Boyle, Vice-Chair Dennis Curran
Commissioners Scott Bates, Dr. Stephen Coan, John Holstein
and Susette Tibus
Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Jerry Desmond

1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman O'Boyle called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner Tibus to nominate Vice-Chair Curran for the position of Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.

Chief Stewart presented Chairman O'Boyle with a plaque to commemorate his many years of service to the Police Commission, and thanked him for his dedication and hard work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to nominate Commissioner Tibus to the position of Vice-Chairwoman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.

3) Remarks of Visitors

Connecticut Avenue

Roger Wilcox, 18 Connecticut Avenue, Pawcatuck
Would like to find solution to parking problem created when vehicles are parked overnight on Connecticut Avenue; often he cannot get out of his driveway; concerned whether emergency vehicles can access.

James Besse, 14 Connecticut Avenue, Pawcatuck
Agrees with Mr. Wilcox. Increasing amount of cars since this spring; concerned emergency vehicles will not be able to access.

Peter & Elaine Smith, 2 Connecticut Avenue, Pawcatuck
Concerned with emergency vehicle access as well as snow removal.

3) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Chairman Curran requested the Commission address agenda item 8D at this time

8) Traffic

d. Memo Re: No Parking Request – Connecticut Avenue

Chief Stewart stated the Fire Chief recommended 'no parking' on the south side of Connecticut Avenue from Mayflower avenue to the cul-de-sac.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to make Connecticut Avenue 'no parking' on the south side of Connecticut Avenue from Mayflower Avenue to the cul-de-sac, as recommended by the Fire Chief. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

First Selectman Ed Haberek

Will present Chairman O'Boyle with a citation from the Town thanking him for his years of dedicated service.

Congratulated members of the Commission on their new roles, and welcomed newly elected Commissioner Bates.

Issue with Lurch Lane is no longer a concern.

Commented on concerns regarding developers defaulting and issue of signage. Will work with Bill Haase to establish requirements in order to ensure signage is installed before subdivision is populated. If developer defaults work will be completed by the Town and the developer will be held responsible.

4) Approval of Minutes for the October 9, 2008 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2008 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

5) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Monthly Statistics Report presented.
- b. Issues with Department radio system; current contract with Cybercom, they determined problem was with faulty equipment. Repairs will be made for approximately \$3,500.
- c. Vehicle replacement. Chief on December 3rd Board of Finance agenda, will receive approximately \$10K for damaged cruiser and will have to ask for additional \$14K. Will go out with this year's vehicle bid.
- d. A request was made to AT&T to move the telephone pole on Rt. 234 following the fatal scooter accident in September. AT&T responded very quickly & the pole has been moved. Chief Stewart notified neighbors.
- e. Reviewed Liberty Crossing plans with Kevin Ying and Bill Haase, Lowes may be in soon; Pawcatuck Farms under construction.
- f. Chief received K9 update from Officer Howard; applied for DEA/State consumer protection licenses for training purposes.
- g. Chief concerned with issue that arose recently when officers could not find an address in Rock Ridge Estates due to lack of signage. Problem will continue if homes are occupied before signage is installed. Chief contacted Planning and Public Works Departments; developer will be held responsible; Town will build bond for signage if necessary.
- h. CIT Team: three officers will be attending training on interacting with emotionally disturbed individuals. This is a higher level of training that the state pays for as long as Departmental policy is in place dictating CIT member is on site during situation.
- i. Maryluz Lopez graduating from Academy December 3rd.
- j. 2009 Meeting dates set for the second Thursday of the month at 5pm, as follows: January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to accept the Report of the Chief. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.

6) Correspondence

None

7) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: Yardney Fire
- b. Memo Re: Thank You – Mystic Aquarium
- c. Letter Re: Officer Michael Peckham – Hartford Task Force
- d. Letter Re: Human Services Halloween Egg Hunt
- e. Letters Re: TRIAD Conference
- f. Memo Re: TRAIID Conference
- g. Report Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- h. Letter Re: Federal Highway Safety Program
- i. Memos Re: Completion of Masters – Captain Desmond
- j. Letter Re: Thank You – Chief Stewart – East Hampton Police
- k. Letter Re: Mystic River Park Monitors
- l. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Farms

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein and seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus to approve the Consent Agenda and it was voted.

8) Traffic

- a. Letter Re: Lester Avenue
- b. Letter Re: Change of Street Name & Street Sign
- c. E-Mail Re: SNET Pole #1420 – Route 234
- d. Memo Re: No Parking Request – Connecticut Avenue
 - o Addressed under “Remarks of Visitors”
- e. Letter Re: Holmes & Church Street
- f. Parking at Clyde’s Cider Mill
- g. Memo Re: Letter From State Traffic Commission Re: Pawcatuck Farms

9) Adjourn

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Larese-Casanova
Secretary